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CYBERSECURITY, DIVERSITY FOCUS OF UPCOMING STAFF WORKSHOPS FOR NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission's staff workshops for the development of a National Broadband Plan will explore during the week of Sept. 28:

- How broadband technology can both enhance and challenge the nation's cyber security efforts. Introduced by Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker (Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.).
- How to create a national broadband plan that recognizes the different needs of a diverse America but also adheres to the core American principal of equal treatment under the law. (Friday at 9:00 a.m.).

***** See agendas below for participants *****

LOCATION: FCC Commission Meeting Room, 445 12th St. SW, Washington D.C. 20554. Those attending are asked to register in advance at <http://www.broadband.gov/>. Click on "Workshops" tab.

ONLINE: Press and public attending online must register in advance at <http://www.broadband.gov/>. Click on "Workshops" tab.

During the workshops, audience members -- both in the room and online -- will have the opportunity to suggest questions in writing. Questions will be reviewed and, time permitting, may be asked by the moderator.

Staff workshops are being held to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and key constituents on matters important to the National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

Wednesday, September 30

CYBER SECURITY

9:00 a.m.

FCC Participants:

- Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
- Robert Cannon, Senior Counsel for Internet Law, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis
- Jean Ann Collins, Deputy Division Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, PSHSB
- Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, PSHSB
- Richard Hovey, Telecommunications Systems Specialist, Communications Systems Analysis Division, PSHSB
- Jennifer Manner, Deputy Chief, PSHSB
- Jon Peha, Chief Technology Officer

Panel 1

- John Nagengast, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives for AT&T Government Solutions, AT&T
- Richard Pethia, Director, CERT, Carnegie Mellon University
- Don Welch, CEO & President, Merit Network, Inc.

Panel 2

- Marc Donner, Engineering Director, Google Health, Google Finance; AdWords Engineering
- Dale Drew, VP for Security, Level 3
- Andy Ogielski, President, Renesys
- Allan Sadowski, IT Director, North Carolina State Highway Patrol (via teleconference)
- Greg Schaffer, Assistant Secretary for Cyber Security and Communications (CS&C), Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Friday, October 2

Diversity and Civil Rights Issues in Broadband Deployment and Adoption

9:00 a.m.

Government Participants:

- Mark Lloyd, Associate General Counsel & Chief Diversity Officer, FCC
- John Horrigan, Consumer Research Director, Omnibus Broadband Initiative, FCC
- Maureen Lewis, Director of the Minority Telecommunications Development Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Wizipan Garriott, Policy Advisor, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

Panel 1: What are the gaps in broadband access and adoption? And what is the best way to measure those gaps?

- Mark Pruner, President & Co-founder, Native American Broadband Association

- Catherine Sandoval, Assistant Professor, Santa Clara University School of Law
- Jorge Reina Schement, Dean, School of Communication & Information; Professor II, Bloustein School of Public Policy, Department of Latino-Hispanic Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University.
- Jim Tobias, President, Inclusive Technologies

Panel 2: What does the law compel or limit regarding government action to close gaps in broadband access and adoption?

- Mary Frances Berry, Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought & Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania
- Mara Einstein, Associate Professor of Media Studies, Queens College; Adjunct Associate Professor, Stern School of Business, New York University
- Allen S. Hammond IV, Phil and Bobbie Sanfilippo Law Professor, Director of the Broadband Institute of California, Santa Clara University
- David Honig, Executive Director, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council
- Geoffrey Blackwell, Director, Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development, Chickasaw Nation Industries

Panel 3: What works now to close the gap in broadband access and adoption?

- Laura L. Efurd, Vice President & Chief Community Investment Officer, ZeroDivide
- Patricia Bransford, President, The National Urban Technology Center
- George T. Laub, Managing Director, Council Tree Investors
- Antoinette Cook Bush, Partner, Communications Group, Skadden Arps
- Heather Dawn Thompson, Partner, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.

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